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**VIA E-MAIL** 

Ms. Kirsten Walli Board Secretary Ontario Energy Board P.O. Box 2319 2300 Yonge St. Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

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ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Dear Ms. Walli:

Re: Chapleau Public Utilities Corporation – Draft Rate Order 2008 Electricity Distribution Rate Application (EB-2007-0755)

VECC has reviewed the Draft Rate Order filed with the Board by Chapleau Public Utilities Corporation (CPUC) for rates effective July 1, 2008 and its only comments are with respect to CPUC's rates design.

On page 9 of the Draft Rate Order CPUC states that it is holding the monthly service charge at current (2007) levels for all customer classes. In its Decision, the Board specifically stated that it "accepts Chapleau PUC's revised proposal that the monthly charges for the Residential and GS service classes remain unchanged" (page 18). It is not clear to VECC that monthly service charges were to remain unchanged for CPUC's other customer classes. Indeed, CPUC's Reply Submission, which is referenced in the Board's Decision, was in response to Board Staff (and VECC) comments which dealt solely with the Residential and GS classes.

Also, on page 6 of the Draft Rate Order, CPUC appears to be introducing adjustments to its USL rates that were not part of the Original Application nor the Board's Decision.

Thank you.

Yours truly,

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